

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday December 9, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, December 9th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Council met at 6:00 p.m. for a study session to hear information regarding automatic read meters, a power plant update, and questions regarding parking at 19th & M Street.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Snodgrass opened with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE:

Council members present: Pam McGregor, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Chris Zach.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Diane Boman, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, Loretta Cole, Owen Cole, Molly Potuzak Springer, Jeff Medina and Jake Williams.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2024 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Molly Potuzak-Springer, Chamber Director, gave a report on fall activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City received two resumes for the City Attorney position. After briefly reviewing both proposals, Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for employer-employee relations and negotiations, with the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 7:20 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:13 p.m. The Council returned at 7:20 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Julie Effenbeck as the City Attorney. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-022, setting the salary for the City Attorney. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve amending the 2024 budget. Due to extra expenses relating to the water treatment plant, the Water Operating Fund needed to be amended. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to deed the small parcels of land that are no longer used for electric substations to the adjacent property owners, and have the City Attorney draw up paper work for that transfer. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote

The Council addressed a possible unsafe structure at 1710 20th Street. The property owner, Jeff Medina addressed the Council. The structure is currently for sale, but still needs work, especially in the kitchen. After some discussion, James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-020, giving the property owner 30 days to cover windows that are open to the environment. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council then addressed a possible unsafe structure at 1846 K Street. The property owner, Jake Williams stated that he had shored up the front porch and it is no longer in danger of collapsing. After a brief discussion, the council wanted a report back at the first meeting in April to see what improvements are being done to the property. No other action was taken.

The Council discussed purchasing a new police vehicle. A number of quotes for different types of vehicles were received. After some discussion from the Council, Mike Palmquist made a motion to purchase a 2025 Chevy Silverado police package from Melton Motors, for the cost of \$52,874, with the trade in of the Dodge Charger for \$8,250, bringing the final cost to \$44,624. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. Once the vehicle is delivered, it will be taken to JR Audio to be outfitted for a cost of approximately \$13,000.

James Doyle made a motion to approve cereal malt beverage licenses for North Side, LLC, 1317 18th Street, Food Mart, 2311 M Street, Blair Theater, 1310 19th Street and Tuxie's Ten Pin, 1306 19th Street, for 2024, contingent on proper paperwork being submitted. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appointment of Drew Hardenberger to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly talked about the next meeting December 23rd, 2024. After some discussion it was decided to meet as usual, in hopes City Attorney Effenbeck could make the meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for employer-employee relations and negotiations, with the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 7:55 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:42 p.m. The Council returned at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Anderson touched on a few items that crews have worked on this week. He mentioned that after 18 years with the City, Scott Kasl submitted his letter of resignation today.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf mentioned how nice Rocky Pond looks.

Doane Sells also commented on Rocky Pond and mentioned the school touring Wildcat Blockchain in Superior.

James Doyle encouraged the public to use the 911 system properly.

Mike Palmquist thanked Scott Kasl for his years of service. He also commented on how the City need to get back to nuisance abatement.

Chris Zach commented on Rocky Pond and Christmas on the Square.

Mayor Robertson asked about Grindstone working on the City's promotional video.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk